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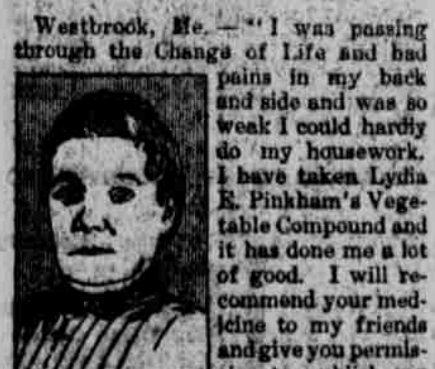
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The tentative Republican platform is printed in this issue of The Banner. It will probably be changed some by the state convention next week, but in its main features, is likely to remain much in its present form. The platform as prepared by the resolutions committee contains many good features and several that might be improved. The chairman of the committee on resolutions is Hon. E. C. Mower, of Burlington, and a fairer, finer or squarer man doesn't live in Vermont. Mr. Mower, however, is a college man and probably doesn't realize the worst fault of the platform, which is that it is couched in language of the schools and colleges, rather than that of the ordinary man. It would have been better to have had the actual writing done by a newspaper reporter in the everyday language of the average man. Such expressions as "the amelioration of the status of the working-man" means all right, but it would have been better to have said it in simpler words. We feel the advocates of equal suffrage will be disappointed at being put off until 1923, when the question of municipal suffrage could have been submitted next year to the voters to decide. The Banner would have liked a little more emphatic declaration on the development of the farming resources of the state by way of an improved credit system, but the meaning is apparently intended by what is said. In several other places the wording could be made plainer and more effective, but it is to be remembered that this is merely a preliminary draft and the committee will be in session the night before the convention to make additions, changes and improvements.

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STATE PLATFORM AS OUTLINED BY COMMITTEE

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makes it necessary for the commission general assembly, so that it may be ensured thorough legislative and popular discussion.

Workingmen's Compensation Law.
 Vermont is to be congratulated upon the generally satisfactory relations existing between employer and employee within her borders. This harmonious industrial condition not only makes for the material prosperity of our people, but also promotes good citizenship and a spirit of co-operation in all civic endeavor. We commend the legislation heretofore enacted for the amelioration of the status of workers in certain industries and for the supervision of the conditions of labor therein. We favor the enactment of a workmen's compensation law so framed as to afford continued assurance of just and harmonious relations between employer and employee.

Publication of Campaign Expenses.
 We favor the enactment of a law making compulsory the publication by candidates for State and county offices, and members of the general assembly of the expenses of their campaigns for public office at such times, in such manner and under such specific regulations as shall effectively safeguard the people of the State against the corrupt or improper use of money by candidates for public office and promote the honesty and purity of our elections.

Development of State Resources.
 We call attention to the marked industrial progress already achieved by Vermont under successive republican administrations. Conservation of our forests and water powers, the encouragement of home investment by giving the borrower the benefit of a lower interest rate, and the campaign of publicity so effectively carried on under the efficient supervision of the Secretary of State, are among the notable contributions of the Republican party to this great forward movement.

But more remains to be done. Our scenic beauties constitute an asset, the value of which our good roads have opened to view to hosts of tourists, but which we have hardly yet begun to appreciate. With the increase in the price of western farm lands our agricultural resources are at length, but tardily, becoming apparent. Favorable conditions of labor and abundance of cheap power, the controlling factors in many industries, make Vermont a field for diverse lines of manufacturing not yet adequately understood by those seeking industrial locations. Along all these lines we recommend the most vigorous prosecution of the publicity campaign already inaugurated. To the end that home industry may be more substantially encouraged by home capital, we commend to the consideration of the next general assembly such modifications of existing law as will enable Vermont banking institutions, under proper restrictions to invest in the securities of conservative local industrial enterprises; and in general we favor all measures looking toward the conservation and development of the natural wealth of the State.

The Judiciary.
 We are mindful of the current criticism of our State judicial system, addressed primarily to the growing expense of administering justice, both civil and criminal. There is, furthermore, a growing sentiment in favor of a simplification of court procedure, and the establishment of a State system of inferior courts that will relieve the congestion in the county courts and lessen the expense of litigation both to the State and the litigants.

This is a matter that should be taken under serious consideration by the next general assembly. It should be dealt with in a spirit of non-partisan devotion to the most vital interests of the State, and with due deliberation, having in mind the extreme importance to every citizen of a judicial system so organized as to enable it to serve the ends of justice both efficiently and economically. We take this occasion to express our confidence in the high character of the ability and the integrity of the justices of our supreme court and our superior judges. They are amply maintaining the high reputation of the courts of Vermont for breadth of learning and incorruptible honesty, established by a long line of distinguished jurists.

Education.
 Of late peculiar interest in our system of public education has been stimulated by the investigations and report of the Vermont educational commission authorized by the last general assembly. Without opportunity for mature consideration of this comprehensive report in its entirety we deem specific recommendations, relative to changes in our educational system premature and unwise. We earnestly commend the work of the commission to the thoughtful attention of the Legis-

lature, and of all our people, to the end that such legislation may be enacted as will bring public education in Vermont to the highest possible point of efficiency, having regard not only to the industrial requirements of the State, but also to the development of a well-rounded citizenship. Especially do we emphasize consideration of our common schools which are justly recognized as the foundation of our educational system. It is imperative that they be given ample financial support, equitably distributed and wisely expended; that instruction therein be in the hands of competent teachers, and that the courses of study be such as to equip the pupil for useful citizenship without stifling his aspirations for higher learning. We commend the policy heretofore adopted of introducing courses in vocational training in our secondary schools, and urge such further extensions thereof as may be expedient.

Suffrage.
 Recognizing the growing sentiment throughout the country in favor of granting the right of suffrage to women, and believing that the women of Vermont are at least the equals of the women of other States in intelligence and patriotism, we recommend that at the first opportunity afforded a constitutional amendment giving women an equal right of suffrage with men be submitted to the voters of this commonwealth.

Highways.
 Again we emphasize the prime importance to the State of good roads. Our development socially and industrially demands the maintenance of a policy that shall keep us fully abreast of our sister States in respect to highway improvement. We believe the present administration of our highway system commends itself to all our people, as embodying a maximum of efficiency at a minimum of expense. We have thus far prosecuted our permanent highway work within our income, thus avoiding the creation of a bonded indebtedness, a conservative policy eminently wise in principle and efficient in practice, a judicial importance.

We pledge ourselves to its continuance, recommending only such further legislative action as the general assembly may deem necessary to supplement existing law on the subject.

Agriculture.
 We recognize the fact that agriculture continues to be the predominant industry of our commonwealth. The farm is and must continue to be the foundation stone of the new Vermont. All measures, therefore, looking to the upbuilding of agriculture both in method and practical result, are commended to the favorable consideration of the general assembly. We believe that nowhere in the United States are there greater agricultural opportunities than in Vermont, land values, proximity to the most ample markets and all other factors considered. We believe that the efficient work of our State publicity department in giving the widest possible publicity to these undoubted opportunities should be continued, not only as an encouragement to our citizens to remain upon the farms of Vermont, but as an inducement to the farmers of other States to seek homes within our borders.

The teaching of practical agriculture should be prosecuted with vigor and efficiency. Without disparagement or neglect of the other educational interests of the State, we speak of agricultural instruction through existing agencies the most liberal and effective encouragement. We believe that the agricultural extension work inaugurated by the last general assembly whereby practical instruction in method is carried from the State agricultural college to the farm, is of great value to our farming interests and should be given generous financial support.

We also suggest that in addition to his other duties the commissioner of agriculture establish in his office a department of markets and a department of farm labor.

State and Municipal Economy.
 We express our deliberate conviction that national, State and municipal extravagance is one of the most crying evils of the present day. To anticipate the future by the creation of a permanent bonded indebtedness is to mortgage the future—a policy economically unsound and socially unwise, except to meet the most pressing civic demands. So also, to live beyond current income so as to necessitate temporary loans, which gradually accumulate until an increase in the tax rate, almost inevitably permanent, must be resorted to for relief, is equally unsound municipal financing. In so far as this tendency towards public extravagance can be held in check by the establishment of a uniform system of municipal accounting by the encouragement of efficiency in the expenditure of the public revenues, and by further limitations upon the debt creating power of our town and cities, we recommend these measures to the favorable consideration of the general assembly.

We pledge ourselves to a policy of economy in State expenses; and to that end we recommend a thorough investigation of the official duties and emoluments of the various State commissions, and all State executive and judicial officers, with a view to their readjustment upon a practical business basis. We are opposed to the establishment of new salaried com-

missions unless absolutely necessary to carry out essential State policies. To further promote economy in State expenses we submit three specific recommendations:

First, that at or prior to the opening of the next session of the general assembly a budget be prepared by the fiscal officers of the State, showing the estimated income of the State for the next ensuing biennial period, the fixed charges upon its revenues during such period, and such other data as will most effectively aid the Legislature in making its appropriations and the establishment of such new government agencies as may be deemed for the best interests of the State.

Second, that the per diem basis of compensation for the members of the Legislature be abolished and a flat salary for the session be substituted therefor; and

Third, that the next Legislature, as soon as may be after it convenes, take steps to investigate the compensation of the clerks, secretaries, reporters, pages and all other legislative and State House officials and employees, and to adjust the same upon an equitable and businesslike basis.

Party Loyalty.
 Upon the wisdom and justice of the foregoing measures for the advancement and prosperity of Vermont we appeal to its freedom for their support at the polls; and we extend a cordial welcome to all electors regardless of past party affiliations, who are in general accord with us in this declaration. We enjoin upon the candidates this day nominated, and all republican candidates in our several towns and cities, the endorsement of this platform, hereby explicitly declaring that if they cannot advocate and support the general policies herein outlined, good faith to the Republican party and to the people demands their refusal to accept office as republicans.

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The Editor Is Obligated to Bare His War Record.

A QUESTION OF PATRIOTISM.

His Motives Have Been Impugned by a Loathsome Contemporary—Other Incidents of a Busy Week Show He's Discreet as Well as Courageous.

By M. QUAD.
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THE aged and infirm critic whom we are obliged by courtesy to refer to as our esteemed contemporary is still neutral on the Mexican war question. Among his 350 subscribers is a half breed Mexican, and he is afraid of hurting the man's feelings by coming out strong for the American eagle. In this last issue he says we are a patriot for the money there is in it and that if we ever smelled powder it was when we had our head in a barrel. We are not a man to exploit our own adventures. We should not now refer to our war record except to defend our honor. We have the papers to show that we were among the first dozen men to enlist in the war for the Union.

We began with Bull Run and ended with Appomattox. We wore out three



musketts shooting at the enemy, and the number of killed and wounded can be figured from that. We went in as a private and came out as a captain, and we didn't pay-out cash for promotion. We were wounded by a shell at Groveton, hit by a bullet at Manassas, and killed by a saber at Gettysburg. We got run-over by a horse at Fredricksburg, had a tree fall upon us at Chancellorsville, and a coal shed at Falling Waters chased us around for ten minutes, and finally wounded and with a soft corn on every toe, but ready to go back and leave one of our legs on the battlefield, we were marching while our esteemed contemporary was running a cheese factory.

It has been our policy to say as little of ourselves personally as possible, but under the present circumstances a few words seem to be in order. We are mayor of Glendon Gulch. We are postmaster of the same. We are a member of the territorial assembly. We are a deputy United States marshal. We are editor and proprietor of the greatest weekly in the community.

There are those who would rest satisfied after gathering the laurels we have, but we still have the fires of ambition burning in our breast.

In returning from Pine Bluff Sunday evening a man stepped out from behind a tree and ordered us to halt and throw up our hands. We obeyed him with the greatest docility and still always feel grateful to him for giving us the opportunity. He asked our name and occupation, and we gave them with the hope that the press was exempt from his operations. We were wrong, however. He was a man with a grievance against well conducted newspapers, and it tickled him to know that he had caught an editor. He robbed us of even the key of the office clock and our goose-quill toothpick, and if he had had any use for a horse he would certainly have left us to foot it into town. We lost \$70 in cash and \$50 worth of watch, but we are not repining. The critter was a scholar and a gentleman, and possibly we may meet him in a game of poker.

Two or three weeks ago, waiting an item to fill up with, we turned our attention to the ranch kept by Jim Hopkins over on Goose creek. It is a hard place, and we said so. Jim is a tough man, who ought to have been lynched when he was a kid. We didn't know how Jim would feel about it, but as usual prepared for business. Saturday last he came into town to get square, and it so happened that we met on Apache avenue. He was in too great a hurry to take aim, and his bullets were wasted. When he had fired six bullets at us we closed in, put him on his back and made him hold in about sixty seconds.

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